राष्ट्रीय अनुसंधान केन्द्र के रूफा में पुनः नामित किया जाय।

(ग) और (घ) भारतीय कृषि अनुसंधान परिषद ने पंचवर्षीय समीक्षा दल की सिफरिशों पर सिद्धांत रूप में सहमत होते हुए यह सुझाव दिया था कि नयी शुरूआत के लिए आठवीं योजना के दौरान इन सिफारिशों पर विचार किया जाये। तथापि, भा.कृ. अनु. परिषद की योजना समिति होने के कारण आठवीं योजना में इस प्रस्ताव को स्थान नहीं दिया जा सका। नौवीं योजना के प्रस्तावों को अभी अन्तिम रूप दिया जाना है।

Accumulation of fertilizer subsidy dues

4442. SHRI KRISHNA KUMAR BIRLA: Will the Minister of AGRICULTURE be pleased to state:

(a) whether it is fact that the fertilizer subsidy dues to the industry on the decontrolled fertilizers have accumulated to crores of rupees;

(b) if so, the fertilizer subsidy dues outstanding to the industry at the end of 1996;

(c) the reasons for the non-payment of the subsidy to the fertilizer industry; and

(d) the steps contemplated by Government in this regard?

THE MINISTER OF AGRICUL TURE (SHRI CHATURANAN MISHRA): (a) to (d) The reimbursement of concession the sale of phosphatic and potassic (p&k) fertilizers to the suppliers is made on the basis of certified reports of sales received from the State Governments. Claims to the tune of about Rs. 34.50 crores are held up for payment against supplies made during 1996-97 by different suppliers to West Bengal due to State Government's non submission of certificate about the quality and quantity in the desired format as prescribed by Government of India. West Bengal Government is being persuaded to submit the bills complete in all respects urgently.

Delay in the implementation of Ad-hoc Subsidy Scheme by the State Governments

4443. SHRI VAYALAR RAVI: Will the Minister of AGRICULTURE be pleased to state:

(a) whether the fertilizer industry complained of delay in implementing the ad-hoc subsidy scheme by the States Government and fixing the Maximum Retail Price (M.R.P.); and

(b) if so, the sfps taken to meet the demand of the fertilizer industry for restoration of Retention Price subsidy Scheme and M.R.P.?

THE MINISTER OF AGRICULTURE (SHRI CHATURANAN MISHRA): (a) and (b) From 1994-95 onwards, the State Governments have been negotiating with the concerned agencies and announcing the MRPs for phosphatic and potassic (p&k) fertilizers. However during 1996-97 there was some delay in announcement of the MRPs by some of the State Governments. In order to ensure timely and adequate availability of these fertilizers to farmers at a reasonable price, an Empowered Committee under the Chairmanship of Secretary (Agriculture & Cooperation) GOI, was set up to take decision on the MRP of (p&k) fertilizers applicable uniformly, for Kharif 1997 season. Based on the decision of the Empowered Committee, the MRPs of Di-Ammonium Phosphate (DAP), Muriate of Potash (MOP) and Complexes for Kharif 1997 season have already been communicated to the State Governments. The decision regarding the MRPs of Single Super Phosphate (SSP) has been left to the respective State Governments since the requirement of SSP is met mostly from the local or nearby units.